

# Terri McFarland

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## On The Road Again...

...*"I just can't wait to get on the road again."* Willie Nelson

Life in rural Indiana has made extended driving my daily reality...still, I don't echo Willie's words. Those of you who have driven thru the Midwest, know highways are straight and some might even say, boring. So when I encounter a journey full of twists and turns, blinding me to what lay ahead, I get antsy. It's a bit symbolic of my life.

When I drive, I come across road signs designed to guide, protect, and encourage. They alert me which streets to take or avoid, and when to yield. Too often, I ignore the signs and turn down a road anyway, only to find myself at a dead end. Sudden detours, leading to unwelcomed delays or unexpected ascents, reveal my impatience and frustration. The longer the journey the more I feel I'm going in circles and I struggle with the temptation to pack it all in. Finally, I arrive at a place to refuel, heal, and rest...and find a warning not to turn and go back. ***Have you ever felt this way?***

Throughout the Bible are road signs that instruct me to *walk by faith, not by sight* (I Corinthians 5:7), to believe *Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life* (John 14:6), and to *yield my way to God's* (James 4:7). And when the journey changes and I am *taken where I do not want to go* (John 21:18), and the *call of the Lord heads uphill* (Exodus 24:12), I must have faith the day is coming when the Lord will say, *you have circled this mountain long enough* (Deuteronomy 2:3). And there choose to accept His invitation to *come unto Me, and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:25). For He has *prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies, He anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows* (Psalm 23:5), confident *never to return that way again* (Deuteronomy 17:16).

When the path is long, hard, unpredictable, and unsettling, when we can't see over the next mountain and long for a refuel, **let us fix our eyes on Jesus and trust His road signs.** For in His Presence, we will experience true peace and rest.



### ***Praise Report:***

- God's **faithfulness**
- Traveling **grace**
- **Growth** in opportunities



# Ministry Update

Northwest Indiana FCA is *thrilled* to announce our **Night of Champions** with guest speaker, former Chicago Bears player and coach, **Mike Singletary!** The evening is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Merrillville, IN. Our FCA staff faithfully provides coaches and athletes the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and in May, we celebrate those efforts. Go to [nwindianafca.org](http://nwindianafca.org) to sign up and secure your ticket for this free event!

This spring, our women's Bible study is digging into the book of Hebrews and allowing God to reveal His heart through the Text. It is exciting! Pray our leaders and teachers are given supernatural wisdom as they serve.

This June, I will travel with **Under The Fig Tree Ministries (UTFT)** and teacher George DeJong as a trip facilitator through Egypt, Jordan and Israel. It never gets old to see the Word come alive in hearts and minds as we walk in the lands of the Bible. At UTFT, we continue to make available new experiences, including a less-strenuous *Nile Cruise* in November. Find out more at [underthefigtree.org](http://underthefigtree.org).

Upcoming FCA sports Camps, singing opportunities, mentoring coaches and athletes, and various speaking events, round out the next few months. As you and I embark on an adventure of unexpected turns, detours, and vigorous climbs, we can be confident the Lord holds our hands as He leads from the front. May we never try to run ahead or turn and go back, but instead, may we trust Him with all that we are, knowing He will provide unexpected strength and rest. ❤️

There is no better ride!



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## *Please Pray for:*

- **Wisdom** on the journey
- Relationship **restoration**
- ❤️'s that choose **Jesus**

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